

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0174

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, MPOL, OCON, EC, CHI, PE, BL  
SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING OF POLOFFS AND DATTS TO  
DISCUSS POLMIL SITUATION IN SUBREGION

1. THE RECENT WAR THREAT CRISIS DEMONSTRATED, IF NOTHING ELSE,  
THAT ONE OF OUR MAJOR PROBLEMS MAY BE LACK OF COORDINATION AND  
UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE VARIOUS US MISSIONS AND OFFICES WORKING  
ON THE PROBLEM. THERE HAS BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING OF EVENTS AND  
FEELING IN OTHER COUNTRIES, AND A GENERALIZED LACK OF  
INFORMATION AS TO THE OVERALL PICTURE.

2. TO REMEDY THIS PROBLEM AND TO PREPARE US FOR THE NEXT  
ROUND OF "CRISES," I PROPOSE THAT WE ARRANGE A MEETING OF  
COUNTRIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED, AND PERHAPS INCLUDING THOSE FROM  
OTHER INTERESTED ADDRESSEES. PARTICIPATION OF INVOLVED  
WASHINGTON AGENCIES WOULD ALSO PROVE EXTREMELY USEFUL.

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SUCH A MEETING WOULD PERMIT FRANK, OPEN DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
OF THE CHANCES OF CONFLICT IN THE REGION AND OF THE POSITION  
TAKEN BY AND PROBLEMS OBSERVED IN EACH COUNTRY, AS WELL AS  
SHARPENING OUR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS. IT MIGHT  
ALSO PRODUCE USEFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DIRECTION US POLICY  
MIGHT TAKE.

3. I WOULD BE INTERESTED AS TO HOW MANY OTHER OF THE  
ADDRESSEES SHARE MY CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE, AND WHETHER THEY  
THINK THAT THE CONFERENCE PROPOSAL WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO  
START IN ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM.  
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